

Whitney “Tooey” Flagg Miller ’60

(Son ’36, Brother ’61, ’64, Husband of former faculty, Parent ’86, ’88)

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Whitney Flagg Miller ’60, known to friends as “Tooey,” passed away at the age of 79 at his home in White Salmon, Washington on Friday, July 1. At his side were his wife **Ann Miller**, his two sons, **W. Flagg Miller ’86** and **Frazier Miller ’88**, and his sister **Fenna Wilson ’61**. Tooey was born to Charles Whitney Miller and **Martha Howard Flagg ’36** in Sacramento, California on January 3, 1943. He attended Pembroke Country Day School in Kansas City, Missouri, and later received his bachelor’s degree at Dartmouth College. After completing law school at the University of Michigan in 1966, he joined the Hillix, Brewer, Hoffhaus Law Firm where he worked for four decades. Upon retirement in 2008, Tooey would spend half of every year with Ann at their residence in White Salmon, Washington, along the Columbia River Gorge.

Tooey was admired by his friends and family for his empathy, his integrity and his passion for athletic competition. In addition to playing squash at the Kansas City Club, he coached youth soccer in Johnson County and later worked as a collegiate soccer referee. He relished being in the outdoors, hunting with his bird dogs across Kansas and Missouri, cross-country and downhill skiing in Colorado and canoeing, hiking and camping with those he loved. Many of his fondest memories involved international travel with Ann, a French teacher at the Pembroke Hill School, and his family.

Tooey was a storyteller and will be missed for the way he could make everyday affairs seem like unfolding chapters in a yet untold saga. He was fascinated by history, especially North American, but he readily enjoyed connecting with people through observations drawn from fields of psychology, folklore studies and historical fiction. He had a gift of animating ordinary encounters with philosophical reflection and humor, something he loved to do with strangers from all walks of life. In the early 1980s, with Ann, he launched a movie club in Kansas City among friends that ran for over two decades. After spending a year after his retirement teaching English to high school students in Xian, China, he volunteered as an assistant puppeteer at the Mesner Puppetry Theatre, fundraised for the Unicorn Theater Company and engaged with others in creative writing. He saw suffering and challenges all around him and wanted to help others heal and find meaningful purpose in their lives.

A memorial event in Kansas City is being planned for later in the year; for more information, please contact Frazier Miller at fraziermiller@gmail.com. Tooey’s memory can be honored through making a contribution to the Columbia Land Trust.

**** Additional Note from PHS Alumni Association:** Tooey Miller was president of the Pembroke Country Day Alumni Association from 1974-1975. The alumni association awarded him the Pembroke-Country Day Alumnus Cup in 1974 and is forever grateful for his service to the school.

